Fathers and Daughters

It's an old cliché that, within families, fathers and daughters and mothers and sons have a special bond. Whatever about the truth of this, we witness this weekend the very real distress a father has for his 12 year old daughter. This man is also a synagogue official, of some rank. Such officials were suspicious of Jesus and in particular questioned his gift of healing: accusing him of dishonouring the Sabbath or using Satan's powers: Beelzebub the prince of devils. This man Jairus' love for his child makes him a beggar - falling at the feet of Jesus and imploring him to save her.

It is an extraordinary moment. Public emotion, particularly about children, was usually associated with women; men stayed silent in the background. This man's whole body is on the ground in desperation, his dignity cast aside.

Jesus says nothing, promises nothing, but simply accompanies Jairus to the house.

They find the whole place in mourning, the child has died.

Remember, so far. Jesus has raised no one from the dead. He speaks for the first time "do not be afraid; only have faith". Then he raises the child from 'sleep' and orders food.

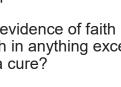
You might say there is no evidence of faith here; only desperation. Would not any parent with no faith in anything except human kindness have acted the same; begging a cure?

But there appears to be something greater at work here. There seems to be real healing taking place. This is a man who forgets about himself, his history, his status to turn to this new healer. This is a man converted. He has also led us into the mystery of Jesus who heals the mourners present of their original mockery; he has awakened their faith.

They will not be the same after this

For all fathers and daughters, mothers and sons: "do not be afraid; only have faith."





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Please note that the July collection takes place on weekend of 13th/14th July.

First Friday:

Next Friday, 5th July, is the first Friday of the month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.00am to 11.00am. All welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK 29th June, 2024 to the 6th July, 2024

Saturday, 29th June	- 6.15pm - Rita Spillane
Sunday, 30th June	 11.00am - (1) Daniel, Michael & Catherine McCarthy (2) Dr. Mgt Paye & Paye & Cotter families (3) Breffni O'Sullivan
Monday, 1st July	- 9.30am - May Hurley
Tuesday 2nd July	- 9.30am - Patrick Herlihy
Saturday, 6th July	- 10.00am - John Clancy
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